

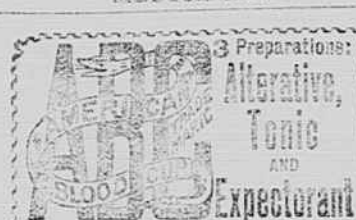
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A Large Sum for a Bible.

A number of wealthy French Jews wish to buy the Vatican copy of the Hebrew Bible from the Vatican for \$200,000. "I fancy," writes the Paris correspondent of the London Daily News, "that his Holiness could not legally sell it, as he has only a life estate in the Vatican and its wealth of rare books, pictures and furniture." The history of previous negotiations for the purchase of this very book, says the Pall Mall Gazette, is interesting. In 1512 when Pope Julius II was desperately in need of funds in order to keep up the "Holy League" against Louis XII of France, he was approached by the Jews, as his successor in the chair of St. Peter is now. They offered a comparatively small sum at first, but subsequently increased the amount, tendering at the same time a blank order on one of their number in Venice to be filled up in ducats according to the weight of the Bible as against an equal weight of pure gold. The Pope got so far as to weigh the precious volume, and found that it scaled 325 pounds avoirdupois, or 433 pounds odd troy, which at \$4 the ounce, then about the value of gold, represented over \$100,000. This amount in its equivalent the Jews pressed on the Pope, who, however, either because he found himself unable to part with property in which he would not seem to have more than a life interest, or on account of the pressure brought to bear on him, declined after much hesitation to part with the volume. Should the present negotiations be more successful, the amount now offered will be the largest sum ever paid for a book. The next approach was the 250,000 francs, or \$50,000, paid by the German government in 1884 for the Misal formerly given by Pope Leo X. to Henry VIII, along with a parchment transferring on that sovereign the title of "Defender of the Faith." The Misal was given by Charles II. to the Duke of Hamilton, in whose family it remained for more than 200 years.

A Big-Toed People.

The ugliest of all the semi-civilized Asiatic races are the Annamese. They are much shorter than the Malays, darker skinned, with lower foreheads, less developed skull, a flatter nose, larger mouth, thicker lips, blackened teeth, gums often destroyed by the use of betel nut, very prominent cheek and jaw bones, so that the face is lozenge-shaped, short neck, shoulders sloping abruptly, and a sawing sort of gait when walking. But the most curious development of all is the big toe. It is very large, broad and flat; more over the distance between that member of the foot and the toes is so great that the Chinese so long ago as 2357 B. C. gave them the name of Gao-Chi, or the Big-Toed race. This curious physical formation is such that it quite marks them from all other Asiatic peoples who walk barefooted, and, strange to say, though more than forty centuries have passed since this peculiarity was first noticed by Chinese travellers, and, in spite of frequent intermarriages with other races, the Annamese have transmitted, without the least perceptible modification, this formation of the foot to their descendants of today. The fact, according to some ethnologists, serves to prove that the Annamese are not descended from the mingling of the indigenous races, but rather that they have existed for an immense period of time as a distinct and peculiar race.

SHE PARALYZED THEM—The White Sulphur girl has a reputation the southland

over for audacious wit. An old beau who knew the place where the famous Mattie Ould, of Richmond, sustained her: belle ship here through several seasons, said the White Sulphur girl was as bright and sparkling of speech as ever she was. Then he told a story of a fair maiden who is enjoying her first season out of school. He identified her as the daughter of an ex-Congressman. The father had given a dinner in honor of the daughter. He was very proud of her. He looked upon her somewhat anxiously to see how she would sustain herself among his old friends. "The dinner was nearly over," said the old beau. "We were getting ready to make some encouraging and congratulatory remarks about the debutante as we were called on. In the midst of the champagne glasses were being filled, the young lady arose and raising her glass said she would like to propose a toast. Of course we all applauded. Then this girl, fresh from school, heart and fancy free, said: 'I propose that we drink to my father's future son-in-law.'"

"What did the old man do?" some one asked.

"Do?" repeated the old beau. "He tried to catch his breath. We were all paralyzed."—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

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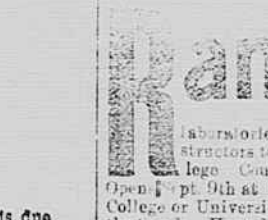
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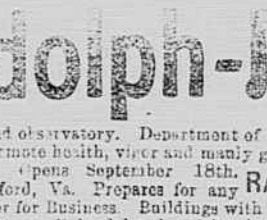
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